

District Judge Barbara J. Rothstein

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

SUZAN ABDELLA AHMED,

Plaintiff,

v.

CYNTHIA MUNITA, Director USCIS Seattle  
Field Office; LAURA ZUCHOWSKI, Director  
USCIS Vermont Service Center; TRACY  
RENAUD, Acting Director U.S. Citizenship and  
Immigration Services; DAVID PEKOSKE<sup>1</sup>,  
Acting Secretary U.S. Department of Homeland  
Security; CHRISTOPHER WRAY, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation;

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:21-cv-0442-BJR

JOINT STIPULATION AND  
ORDER HOLDING  
CASE IN ABEYANCE

Plaintiff brings this litigation pursuant to the Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to adjudicate Plaintiff’s I-360 and I-485 applications. Dkt. No. 1. Defendants have yet to answer the Complaint. On April 15, 2021, this Court granted the parties’ request to hold the case in abeyance to allow Plaintiff to respond to USCIS’s Request for Evidence (“RFE”) and for USCIS to review Plaintiff’s

<sup>1</sup> Alejandro Mayorkas became the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security on February 2, 2021, and should be automatically substituted for Defendant David Pekoske under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d).

1 responses. Dkt. No. 21. The parties now submit a second request to hold the case in abeyance.  
2 There is good cause to grant this request.

3 USCIS intends to issue a second RFE to Plaintiff shortly. Plaintiff will have 87 days to  
4 respond to the RFE. To give Plaintiff sufficient response time, and USCIS sufficient time to  
5 review Plaintiff's response, the parties, through their counsel, jointly request that the Court  
6 continue to hold this matter in abeyance through December 29, 2021. The parties agree that this  
7 is an acceptable timeframe and recognize the possibility that this process may moot Plaintiff's  
8 claims.

9 Accordingly, the parties hereby STIPULATE AND AGREE, AND JOINTLY  
10 REQUEST, that the Court hold this case in abeyance, and order the parties to file a joint status  
11 report on or before December 29, 2021.

12 DATED this 24th day of August, 2021.

13 Respectfully submitted,  
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**ORDER**

The Parties having so stipulated and agreed, the Court hereby ORDERS that this action shall be held in abeyance through December 29, 2021, and the parties shall file a Joint Status Report with the Court on or before December 29, 2021.

Dated this 27th day of August, 2021.



HON. BARBARA J. ROTHSTEIN  
United States District Judge